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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **C-1**

November 21, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
PROJECT NO. 531 - UPGRADE INLET STRUCTURE AND  
GRATIAN STREET DRAIN  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Project No. 531 - Upgrade Inlet Structure and Gratian Street Drain, in the City of Whittier and the vicinity of East Los Angeles (1 and 4), at an estimated cost between \$110,000 and \$125,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on December 31, 2002.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action involves contracting for the construction of reinforced concrete pipe, retaining walls, and stairway; replacement of chainlink fence and guardrail; and other appurtenant work.

This project is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the construction of flood control facilities.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide improved flood protection for the businesses and residents in the project area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$110,000 to \$125,000.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (m) and (x)(17); and Class 3, Subsections (h) and (q), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions 1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, 2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, and 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The project is to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in June 2003. Local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

PROJECT NO. 531 - UPGRADE INLET STRUCTURE AND GRATIAN STREET DRAIN  
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accord with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in four weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for the construction of reinforced concrete pipe, retaining walls, and stairway; replacement of chainlink fence and guardrail; and other appurtenant work under Project No. 531 - Upgrade Inlet Structure and Gratian Street Drain, Project ID No. FCC0000891, in the City of Whittier and the vicinity of East Los Angeles.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, west side of main lobby, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2002. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room C or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$110,000 and \$125,000 and shall be completed in 45 working days. The Work requires a California Class A or C42 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Abed Mohsen at (626) 458-7982 for Project (1) and Mr. Jared Kim at (626) 458-7960 for Project (2).

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$25.00, including postage and handling if mailed, at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the three forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de lunes a jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated December 3, 2002.

Violet Varona-Lukens  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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